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WorkOne Centers collect 10,000 Food Items in Thanksgiving Food Drive

INDIANAPOLIS (November 29, 2007) -- More than 10,000 food items were collected for needy Hoosiers at the state's WorkOne employment centers during a food drive held from November 1 through November 21st.

The food items were collected at participating WorkOne and WorkOne Express Centers throughout Indiana. Staff members from the centers, which provide Hoosiers with job, career and training services and assistance, have donated the food items to local food pantries.

"The WorkOne staff members who participated in making this first drive a success should be commended and recognized for their efforts," said Teresa Voors, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "These staff members are, by their nature, used to helping Hoosiers in need, typically with training, career and other similar services. It was so heartening to see the outstanding response of staff members who worked so hard to provide food to those Hoosiers. The results clearly exceeded our hopes and expectations."

According to reports submitted from the WorkOne Centers, a two-person team from the WorkOne Express Center in Morocco in Newton County collected 449 cans, or 224.5 cans per staff person and was the top center in terms of items collected per employee. In addition, the Vincennes Work One center brought in the most cans on a total basis, 1,742.

Voors and several senior staff of the Department of Workforce Development will honor the staff members at the Morocco and Vincennes offices by providing and cooking breakfast for them in the near future.

The Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 35 WorkOne Centers and 50 WorkOne Express Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.